



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 14 – 11th December 2020

School Closing Time for Christmas



You will have received a letter this week regarding the new end of term school closure date. Please read this carefully, in particular the information and guidance regarding reporting Covid-19 symptoms. St. Aidan's will be closing for the Christmas break on Thursday 17th December at 3.15pm.



House Point Dojo Winners



Congratulations to **CALDER** for gaining the most Dojo points this half term. There will be a special Christmas surprise organised by Mrs Greenwood on Wednesday 16th December in the afternoon.

Selection Box Raffle



We are having a selection box raffle on Thursday 17th December. Our school council are raising money for school funds. The raffle tickets will be sold by the school council team at break time for **20p per ticket or £1a strip**.

Breakfast Club Christmas Display



What a wonderful display our pupils have made for Breakfast Club this year. Mrs Holden and Cath have been very pleased with the fabulous decorations the Breakfast Club members have made and they have even had a competition running for the best decoration creation which Mrs Greenwood will be judging next week.



School Gates



Please be mindful of the space and safety of pupils and parents/carers when waiting for the school gates to open. Although the school gates open at 8.40am the children have until 8.50am to get into class which means there is plenty of time to come into school without waiting at the gates.

Winter Weather

In the event of any school closure or delayed opening due to severe weather conditions, a text will be sent to parents no later than 7.40am. **Please do not contact the school office.** Please note, our text messaging service sends texts to the first contact (number one priority) on your child's contact details. If you wish to change this for text-messaging purposes, please let a member of the office staff know immediately.



School Footwear



Our uniform dress code is **black shoes only, NOT TRAINERS**. I would be grateful if you could ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct footwear. Thank you for your support in this matter.



DT Week

Year 2 will start their DT lessons on Wednesday 6th January, the theme will be moving vehicles. **The cost for materials is £1 and the children will be able to take home their creations at the end of the week.**



Class Trips

As part of the pupils theme work, class trips have been organised for the following classes:-



Year 3 – Bolton Museum – Monday 18th January 2021

Trips are also being arranged for other year groups and you will be informed of these in due course.

Please note: A packed lunch will be provided by the school for pupils who normally have a school meal.

Outward Bound Trip

Great News! We have been able to move the Outward Bound residential trip for Years 5 & 6 to W/c Monday 17th May 2021. Please continue to use the same payment item on ParentPay to pay for the trip.



Admission to Reception Class



The online admission form for admission to Reception Class in September 2021 is now accessible using the following link:-

<https://blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/appsummary.aspx>

If you have a child due to start primary school next September (born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017), please ensure you complete the online admission

form. The closing date is:-

Friday 15th January 2021

It is extremely important that this deadline is met as it can affect your chance of being offered your first choice school.

If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to complete the application online.

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
100%	92%	98%	100%

Attendance Race

Congratulations to Year 4 for winning the attendance race the last week with 98% attendance! Year 1 was in second place with 96% and Rec was in third place with 94.64%.

Year	Attendance	Attendance Key
Reception	94.64%	Green = 95% & above
Year 1	96.00%	
Year 2	94.33%	Yellow = 90% - 95%
Year 3	93.60%	
Year 4	98.00%	Red = Less than 90%
Year 5	91.43%	
Year 6	87.92%	

Dates for the Diary

Children's Christmas Craft Afternoon
Dojo Winners Christmas Surprise
Christmas Carols in the Morning (Pupils and Staff)
Christmas Party Day
School Christmas Lunch
Selection Box Raffle Draw

School finishes for Christmas break – 3.15pm

School returns for Spring Term

Tuesday 15th December
Wednesday 16th December
Thursday 17th December
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Thursday 17th December
Thursday 17th December
Wednesday 6th January

Congratulations!

Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive an award this week:

	Stars of the Week	Headteacher's Award Winner Christian Values
Reception (Miss Keegan)	Emily and Freddie	Junior
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Logan and Alfie	Sophie
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Evie and Harriett	Dayton
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Tilly and Blake	Lilly
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Archie and Sebastian Go	Maisie
Year 5 (Miss Schofield)	Demi-Leigh and Oliver-Jon	Alex
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Deakon and Kai	Jasmine

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher